

# St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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## Parish Staff

### **Pastor**

Rev. Christopher J. Turczany

### **Director of Music**

Dr. Justin Bischof

### **Director of Religious Education**

Giovanna Varlese

### **Assistant Director of Religious Education**

Lisete Alfonso

### **Director of Maintenance**

Ray Rychalski

### **Administrative Assistant**

Marie Gabrielle Diharce

## Schedule of Masses

### **Masses:**

Saturday 5:00 pm

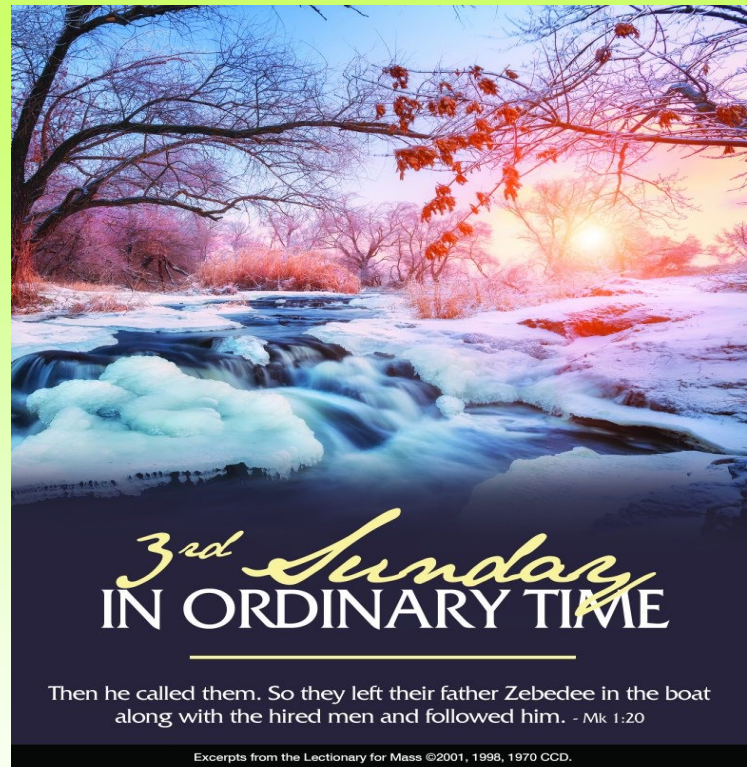
Sunday 9:30 am and 12:00 pm

Monday-Thursday: 12:15 pm

**National Holidays:** Mass at 9:00 am

**Confessions:** Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:40 pm

**Anointing of the Sick:** First Saturday of the month at the 5:00 pm evening Mass.



**January 21, 2024**

## **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **RCI Program:**

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic, or are you a baptized Catholic seeking to complete the Sacraments Initiation?

For an application or any questions, please send an email to [dre.stmarylic@gmail.com](mailto:dre.stmarylic@gmail.com) or call 917-832-6104.

### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Wednesday 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

### **Baptism:**

4th Saturday of the month at 1:30 pm. For courtesy please arrive fifteen minutes earlier.

Please call the Rectory for an appointment with the Pastor.

### **Weddings:**

Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance in prior to the wedding date. Please call the Rectory for an appointment with the Pastor. All couples are required to attend the online Pre-Cana and present the certificate when completed.

**Funerals:** Monday through Saturday

**January 21, 2024**  
**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In today's Gospel, Jesus passes by the Sea of Galilee and calls the first four disciples, two pairs of brothers: Simon and Andrew, James and John. Follow me, he tells these four fishermen, and I will make you fishers of men. Jesus continues to call disciples; indeed, we were all called when we were baptized. On this Sunday of the Word of God, may the stories of Jonah, of Paul, and of the first four disciples inspire us to drop our nets and follow more closely our Lord as his disciples.



**Mass Intentions For The Week**

**Saturday, January 20, 2024**

5:00 pm Seth Kaufman

**Sunday, January 21, 2024**

9:30 am Ligia Coneo

12:00 pm JoAnne Mazza

**Monday, January 22, 2024**

12:15 pm People of the Parish

**Tuesday, January 23, 2024**

12:15pm Kevin O Kane

**Wednesday January 24, 2024**

11:00am Blessed Sacrament

12:15pm People of the Parish

**Thursday January 25, 2024**

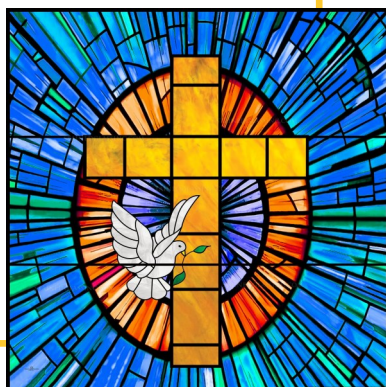
12:15pm Leonard and Jean Lofredo

**Friday, January 26, 2023**

NO MASS

**Saturday, January 27, 2024**

5:00pm Emilia and Michael Fazzi



**Statistics 1-13-2024 and 1-14-2024**

1/13-5:00 pm	80
1/14-9:30 am	120
1/14-12:00 pm	141
<b>Total Count</b>	<b>341</b>

1st Collection	\$1,524
2nd Collection	\$ 658

**Pray for the sick,**

Jean Willison, Michelle Yashita, Pat Gamble, Camille Sollis, Maria Vessillo, Teresa Ortiz, Joe Sullivan, Martha Catel, Jimmy O'Neil, Robert Keegan, Joan Pacheco, Madelaine Sullivan, Mary Roedner

**Pray for the Deceased**

Joseph Vessillo  
Christopher A. Polizzi, Nicholas Correa, Ines Cano, Sal Caiaccia, Emily Loiacono, William F. Marsh, Antonio Natale, Antonio Magri, Stella Bonilla, Albert Setford

**Purgatorial Intentions**

Anthony DeFelica, Evarito Sipin, Frank Carrado, Yolanda Sipin, Genevive Roeder, Pasqual Cafiero, Robert Rohan, Tommaso Valesse, Leonardo Antonio, Donna Vova, Vincenza Rios, Mildred Schifano

# Pope Francis: Escalation in war frightens me



**In an interview on an Italian TV program, Pope Francis laments the risk of escalation in war, says he has no plans to resign, announces Apostolic Journeys to Polynesia and to Argentina, and reflects on 'Fiducia supplicans', saying "the Lord blesses everyone, everyone, everyone."**

**By Salvatore Cernuzio**

Blessings for all, even to "irregular" couples, just as God "blesses everyone, everyone, everyone"; his "fear" of military escalation and the crime of war that has stolen the smile from children; confirmation that he has no intention of resigning, and the announcement of two trips: to Polynesia in August, and to his native Argentina by the end of the year.

These are a few of the topics addressed by Pope Francis in an interview on the Italian TV program "*Che tempo che fa*", which aired on Sunday, 14 January.

The Pope responded to a question about the document from the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, *Fiducia supplicans*, which opens the possibility of blessing couples in "irregular" situations, including same-sex couples, and which has elicited various reactions.

He reaffirmed that "the Lord blesses everyone, everyone, everyone."

"We must take these people by the hand," said the Pope, "not condemn them from the start."

This is "the pastoral work of the Church," he noted, calling it an "important" task for confessors, who are called to "forgive everything."

The Pope revealed that he himself—in 54 years of priesthood—has only once denied forgiveness "due to the person's hypocrisy."

The Lord "is not scandalized by our sins, because He is a father, and He accompanies us," emphasized Pope Francis, expressing his hope that hell might be empty.

As he often has in these months of conflict in the Middle East and these years of war in Ukraine, the Pope repeated his condemnation of the horror of war.

"It's true that making peace is risky, but war is riskier," he said.

The Pope also spoke about a meeting he had last Wednesday with a delegation of children from Ukraine. "None of them were smiling," he said. "Children spontaneously smile; I gave them chocolates, and they did not smile. They had forgotten how to smile, and for a child to forget how to smile is criminal. This is what war does: it prevents dreaming."

"Behind the wars," insisted the Bishop of Rome, "there is the arms trade."

He also shared his fear of the conflict's expansion: "This military escalation scares me, because this advancing of military steps in the world makes one wonder how we will end up. With atomic weapons now, which destroy everything. How will we end up. Like Noah's Ark? This frightens me: the capacity for self-destruction that humanity has today."

In the interview, Pope Francis also addressed the issue of migrants, recalling his embrace with Pato, a young Cameroonian man who lost his wife and daughter in the desert between Tunisia and Libya. The Pope received him in November at his residence in the Casa Santa Marta.

"There is so much cruelty in dealing with these migrants from the time they leave their homes until they arrive here in Europe," he said. "Everyone has the right to stay in their own home or to migrate."

The Pope called for a "well-thought-out" migration policy that helps "take the problem of migrants in hand" and "eliminate all these mafias that exploit migrants."

Pope Francis responded to a question about his possible resignation from the papacy.

"It is neither a thought nor a concern nor even a desire," he said. "It is a possibility, open to all Popes, but for the moment it is not at the center of my thoughts and concerns, my feelings."

The Pope then announced two trips that should take place in the course of this year: one in August to an unspecified country or countries in Polynesia, and one to his native Argentina, near the end of the year.

"It is a difficult time for the country," said Pope Francis. "There is a possibility of making a trip in the second part of the year, because now there is a change of government; there are new things... I want to go there. Ten years is fine; it is okay, I can go."



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We encourage parents to attend **every Sunday Mass at 9:30 a.m.** alongside their children.

Following the Mass, we invite parents to let their **kids explore and grow in their faith** by attending our

**Catholic faith classes for all ages**, which commence at **10:30 a.m.**

**If you have any questions, please reach out to:** May God bless you and your family abundantly.  
 Yours in Christ, Giovanna Varlese, Director.

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**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church**  
**Pledged the Amount \$ 29,934**  
**For "The Annual Catholic Appeal 2024"**

- ⇒ Goal: \$17,344
- ⇒ Pledged: \$29,934
- ⇒ Received: \$1,780



**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

In person AA Meetings  
 held in St. Mary's Church Basement,  
 gather Mondays at 7:00 pm  
 Wednesday meetings take place via Zoom at 7:30 pm  
 For more information, please visit the website:  
**Licgroupsaa@gmail.com**  
 Live Hotline from 9:00 am-2:00 am at 212-647-1680  
 Monday-Sunday

**Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth**  
**St. Mary Parish Choir**  
**Sunday Mass at 12:00 pm**  
**Rehearsal in the Church 11:15 am - 11:40 am**



Our Parish Choir helps lead the congregation in song (along with our Cantor) at the Sunday Noon Mass every week.

Do you like to sing? If so, we would like to hear from you!

There is a painless and quick audition with Dr. Bischof our Director of Music to sing through a hymn and discuss the Parish Choir commitment.

To sign up for an audition, please contact Dr. Justin Bischof at **646-206-7638** or **justin@justinbischof.com**.